

THE WEATHER
Fair and continued cold tonight;
lowest temperature about 20 degrees;
Thursday fair and warmer; from winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
23	24	25	26	28	30	31			

LINER BURNS OFF CAPE MAY: CREW SAVED IN GALE

27 Men Battle Storm in Small Boats After Leaving Blazing S. S. Northern Pacific; 4 Missing

WIRELESS OPERATOR BRAVES FLAMES TO SEND S. O. S. CALLS

Ocean Greyhound Abandoned Off Stone Harbor—Other Craft Are Standing By

STARTED BY OIL IS THEORY; NO PASSENGERS ABOARD

Mishaps Have Followed Life of Northern Pacific

While bound down the Delaware for its official trial trip off the Maine coast in February, 1915, the steamer went aground below League Island. A smallpox epidemic broke out aboard in April, 1915, when it made a record trip from this city to San Diego. It was placed under quarantine there with its 400 passengers. While being used as a troopship during the war the Northern Pacific, carrying 2400 American officers and soldiers returning from France, went aground January 1, 1919, at Fire Island, L. I., in a dense fog and rain. Among the passengers were 1744 casualties, and the coast guards had hard work in taking them off.

In the summer of 1920 ship went aground in the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, and clogged up the harbor for several days.

The Admiral liner Northern Pacific, formerly an army transport, was burned early this morning twenty miles off the New Jersey coast, and eight miles east of Stone Harbor. This is near Cape May.

The ship carried a skeleton crew, under Captain A. O. Lustig, her war-time commander. She had sailed last night from Hoboken for Chester Pa., where she was to have docked today for refitting. She was the fastest passenger ship flying the American flag.

The latest message from the wreck was sent by the rescue steamship Transportation as follows: "Twenty-two members of ship's crew now on board. Five on tanker Herbert G. Wylie. That accounts for all hands of crew. Ship now burning throughout length. Impossible to board at this time."

This apparently fixes the number of the skeleton crew at twenty-seven. Other reports are that she carried seventy-five men. The Transportation wireless that the Wylie, a tanker bound north from Tampico, had stood by the burning vessel until daylight, looking for four men, employees of the Sun Shipbuilding Company, Chester, who apparently are not included among those accounted for. One of them is a Philadelphian.

These May Be Victims

The four Sun Shipbuilding employees are:

W. J. Mallett, New York, draftsman.

T. J. Teckman, New York, draftsman.

H. Cruger, Wilmington, Del., carpenter.

R. J. Hall, 5623 Cedar avenue, Philadelphia, draftsman.

The Sun employees had been sent aboard to make preliminary studies and plans for the refitting of the ship, which was to have been done at the expense of \$800,000 at the Sun plant.

The heroism of a wireless operator, who stuck to his post with flames raging near him and sent out calls for help until his instrument was silenced by the fire, probably prevented great loss of life.

The fire may have been caused by leaky connections in the oil feed lines. The great ship, with three screws and famous for its speed, was an oil burner, and carried full tank.

The reports thus far received, although meager, indicate that the fire spread over the ship with almost the rapidity of an explosion, so that the members of the crew had great difficulty in getting to the decks in time to save their lives.

Rescuers Battle Storm

A terrible storm, with driving snow, intense darkness, and a gale that blew fifty miles an hour, made the work of the men out in small boats from the burning ship.

The rescue craft launched boats also, in spite of the gale and the waves, which ran high as hills and made it possible to launch only the boats on the

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BIG LINER DESTROYED BY FIRE



Front view of the liner Northern Pacific, destroyed by fire today off Cape May

RADIO FLASH TELLS STORY OF SHIP FIRE

Wireless Messages Crackle Out Meager Details of Loss of Big Liner

"BOAT GONE" LAST WORD

The story of the Northern Pacific's hopeless fight against fire is told briefly in official bulletins received at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

These brief, meager dispatches, bare reports of the terrifying events taking place at sea nearly a hundred miles away, tell a story of horror in the night and the storm which must be read between the lines.

The radio messages given below are a complete though tantalizingly undeveloped chronicle of the main incidents of the wreck:

2:50 A. M. from steamship Halcyon: "A two-stack passenger ship adrift, twenty miles northeast by east. Five Fast Light Vessel. Ship has red, white and blue band. Looks like army transport."

3 A. M., no signature: "Northern Pacific caught fire 12:20 A. M., nine miles due east of Absecon Light Vessel. We have picked up one lifeboat with five men. It is believed all of crew saved. No passengers aboard; ship still burning."

3:15 A. M., steamship Transportation: "We have all the crew except four men. Others possibly adrift in lifeboats."

3:20 A. M., steamship Transportation: "We have all the crew except nine men."

3:20 A. M., steamship Wylie for steamship Transportation: "We have picked up one boat with five men."

4 A. M., steamship Transportation: "Entire ship's company accounted for. Four shipbuilding company employees missing."

4 A. M., operating manager Ship Board, New York, from steamship Transportation: "Northern Pacific on fire 1 A. M., necessary leave ship; all ship's company accounted for; four Sun Shipyard employees missing. Signed, Lustig, Northern Pacific."

4:30 A. M., steamship Transportation following service to New York: "Completely gone. Ship gone. Not sunk; just burning."

5:07 A. M., New York commercial station to steamship Halcyon: "Entire ship's company accounted for; four Sun Shipbuilding Company employees missing."

5:10 A. M., to commandant, Fourth Naval District, from steamship Halcyon: "Four Sun Shipyard employees still missing."

5:10 A. M. from steamship Transportation to Cape May: "Have crew of Northern Pacific. Lying by off North-east End Light vessel, drifting south-east."

5:25 A. M., from Halcyon to Commandant, Fourth Naval District: "Steamship Halcyon stood by steamship Northern Pacific."

7 A. M., Halcyon to Commandant: "Now proceeding to Sandy Hook. Northern Pacific still burning and has a heavy list to starboard."

7:45 A. M., radio intercepted from steamship Transportation: "Steamship Northern Pacific half east from North-east End Light vessel, drifting south-east."

8:12 A. M., from Cape May to Commandant: "Following received from Halcyon: 'Stood by until 7 A. M. Proceeding. Northern Pacific has heavy starboard list. We have no one of crew aboard.'"

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS TAXATION FOR BONUS FUNDS

Ways and Means Members Against Basing Plan on Foreign War Indebtedness

PAID LOBBYISTS ACTIVE PUSHING VETERANS' CLAIMS

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 8.—Funds for the soldiers' bonus would be raised through taxation under present plans of the majority members of the House Ways and Means Committee, according to information given today after those members had discussed the whole bonus situation in executive session.

It was stated that it was not the purpose to depend upon any part of the interest or principal of the foreign debt.

To facilitate the work before them, the Republicans divided today into two subcommittees, one to deal with the problem of taxes and the other with the compensation plans. Chairman Fordney heads the tax subcommittee and Representative Green, of Iowa, ranking Republican member, is chairman of the subcommittee on compensation.

Mr. Fordney's committee, it was stated, will seek expert advice as to the possible cost of the compensation, particularly during the first two and a half years when the cash payments would be made, and as to sources of revenue. This committee is expected to confer with a similar committee from the Senate Finance Committee with a view to an agreement on the tax questions.

Some members said the work of the House subcommittee should be completed within two weeks. It is understood that proponents of the sales tax will press that proposition in the tax subcommittee, but they admitted they have little hope of success.

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Feb. 8.—Lobbying for soldiers' bonus legislation is carried on in Washington by paid legislative agents of leading veterans' organizations.

Of these the American Legion Legislative Committee, of which Colonel John Thomas Taylor, of Philadelphia, is chairman, is the most active.

When the Veterans of Foreign Wars have views on the bonus, they are impressed by the urgency of such legislation, they usually send for their commander-in-chief, at present Captain Robert G. Woodside, of Pittsburgh, to argue the case.

For the Private Soldiers and Sailors' League, which the other organizations charge is kept alive by agitation for a bonus, Marvin Gates Sperry, its president, usually appears.

Among them, and with the assistance of other national officers and legislative representatives stationed permanently in Washington, most of them on salaries and with expense accounts, Congress is permitted to consider the bonus.

Each organization apparently tries to outdo its rivals in this activity, as its members depend on continued agitation for bonus legislation.

It is well known here that the American Legion is an organization which has been in the front since the first intimation of danger to her husband reached her this morning.

At intervals she contains herself long enough to telephone the Sun Ship Building Company, at Chester, by which Hall was employed, to ask for news.

"I don't know what I shall do—indeed I don't," she says over and over again. "If Dick has been lost I shall go crazy—I know I shall!"

The reassuring words of her mother, who is with her, fail.

"I know I shall go crazy," Mrs. Hall repeats. "Oh, he was the best husband that ever lived."

Richard, Jr., the five-year-old blue-eyed child, is likewise anxious.

"Did my suitcase get hurt?" he demands frequently. His father, it seems, had borrowed the suitcase, a Christmas present, before he went aboard the ship. Northern Pacific said with the promise that he would guard it against any possible injury.

Once Dick picked up the telephone, his grandmother said, "Dick," cried "What are you doing, Dick?"

"I'm going to call my daddy, and ask him if he let my suitcase get hurt, that's what I'm doing."

"Put it down, Dick," cried his mother. "We can't telephone daddy now, darling. Oh—if we only could!"

STOLEN AUTO IN CRASH
Youth Held After Machine Plowed Into Haverford Fence

After he had wrecked an automobile which had been stolen from Frank Coppola, 1701 Federal street, Louis Stein, seventeen, of 301 Montrose street, was arrested in Haverford at noon today and charged with the theft of the machine.

Patriotman Stags was standing near Railroad avenue and Lancaster pike, Haverford, when he saw the automobile approaching at high speed. Near the corner the car swerved and smashed into a fence. A boy who was riding with young Stein ran away. This caused the patrolman to detain Stein. Stein then learned the boy did not have a driver's license.

LAST OF GUNMEN ON TRIAL
Sixth Member of Gang Faces Murder Charge for Detective's Death

Salvatore Battaglia, sixth member of a gang of New York gunmen indicted for the murder of District Detective Joseph McGuinn in a gambling club, 816 Park avenue, was placed on trial today before Judge Terry.

Battaglia is the last of the men to be tried, although there are motions for new trials pending in the cases of two of the defendants who were convicted.

Lim'rickers Are Hustling for That Big Hundred

First Contest Brings Enthusiastic Response From Fans—Temple University English Class Will Judge

Well, the lines are all in for the first of the limpin' lim'rickers. The old office today looks like a sub-station of the postoffice, so you can judge from that whether this second contest is popular or not.

I'll take the whole staff all day today to sort the answers and pick out those that will go on the ballot and then tomorrow 2:15 P. M. the class in English of Temple University will meet and discuss the ten last lines we submit to them on the ballots and will vote for the best one.

They won't have the slightest idea who the writers of the lines are. The ballots are submitted to them with the completed lim'rickers printed on them, but with no names and addresses. Each one is numbered and, after the vote is taken, we consult the original coupons and identify the prize winner by the number.

Nothing could be fairer than that. It eliminates all chance of favoritism or class distinction and makes the award stand absolutely on the merits of the lines submitted.

Today's limpin' lim'rick is about a gambler christened Jacob, now called Jake for short because gamblers are always short. He's spinning the old-timer's tale and it's up to you either to complete what he's saying to it or switch the thought around without quotations.

And the name Jake is an easy one to rhyme with. There are lots of words that can be used to end the last line; and, in trying to complete all these lim'rickers, it's wise to make a list of such words first, because the words themselves frequently suggest an idea that wouldn't come otherwise. Here's

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ULSTER UNIONIST CHIEFS KIDNAPPED

Houses Attacked and Men Wounded in Armed Clashes. Fifteen Arrested

BATTLE AFTER AMBUSH
By the Associated Press
Belfast, Feb. 8.—A large number of the leading Unionists of Counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, in the Ulster area, were kidnapped from their homes early today and taken to unknown destinations. Fifteen arrests have been made in connection with the kidnappings.

The raiders are believed to have come from Counties Cavan and Londonderry, near the border. The forces known as the "B Specials" were mobilized today in Tyrone and Fermanagh and rushed to the scenes of the kidnapping. The Ulster Government announced its intention of taking drastic measures.

Among those kidnapped was Major Montroy, son of Anketell Montroy, of the Tyrone Orangemen. The major today was found and finally was wounded. Former High Sheriff Carson, of County Fermanagh, whose house was raided, resisted single-handed for an hour until he was wounded and carried off in a motorcar.

Merchant Wounds Raider
The house of Major Moore, at Belleek, Fermanagh, was attacked, but he escaped. A merchant named Elliot, at Enniskillen, fired on the raiders when his house was attacked, and it is believed he wounded one of them. The merchant escaped.

Attacks were also made on the houses of former County Inspector McGuire and various other prominent Unionists in the vicinity of Enniskillen, who were absent at the time from their dwellings. The raiders were armed with rifles, revolvers and bombs. Subsequently the police challenged two other automobiles, in each of which was found a wounded man. Both men were arrested.

A party of what is known as "A. Specials" was ambushed near Newtown Butler last evening by a large party of armed men. An engagement resulted in casualties on both sides. While this fight was occurring the residences of other constables of the same organization were visited and a number of the constables were kidnapped and carried away to the barracks.

Registration officer Doolan, a prominent Unionist of Newtown Butler, was taken to the hospital at Enniskillen suffering from gunshot wounds.

Opens Fire on Attackers
John McClement, a prominent Tyrone loyalist, was kidnapped from his home at Verraghly. He also was wounded.

Three motorcars drove up to the residence in Enniskillen of James Cooper, a member of the Ulster Parliament, and attempted to gain admission. Cooper opened fire on the men, who hastily retreated.

A series of raids also was made in South Down. Major Miles, of Hally-shannon; William Hamilton, a magistrate of Banbridge, and Buckler Douglas, of Kingshull, were carried off by the raiders.

It developed that the raiders captured a lorry load of the "A" class of special constables near Clones, shooting and killing one of the constables.

Sixty lorry loads of the class "A" special constables were sent to Tyrone and Fermanagh from Belfast today.

The majority of the men arrested came from Londonderry. One of them, the authorities state, wore an Irish Republican Army uniform.

London, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, gave notice in the House today that he would introduce a bill tomorrow to give effect to the Irish agreement.

Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, who has been engaged in consultation with Cabinet members here, will leave tomorrow for Dublin. It is understood further meetings between the Irish delegates and Winston Churchill, the Colonial Secretary, have been arranged in view of the progress already made.

Taylor's Fiancee



MISS NEVA GERBER
Film star who is said to have been engaged, at one time at least, to William Desmond Taylor, slain film director

STRIKE PICKET KILLED IN FIGHT AT STEEL MILL
Two Others Reported Wounded in Disturbance in Yorkville, O.

Yorkville, O., Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—One man was killed and two others wounded in a fight this morning at the plant of the Wheeling Steel Corporation here. The plant resumed operations yesterday after being shut down since last July, when the company and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers were unable to reach an agreement.

The dead man, Elmer Cost, was a resident of Tiltonville, near here, and was said to have been on duty as a union picket when the shooting occurred. At the mill were a number of security sheriffs under command of Sheriff Lucas, of Belmont County.

The company recently brought in a number of workmen from the outside and it was stated yesterday that three men had been placed in operation. Early today, when the new men were leaving the mill, which had been picketed all of yesterday and last night, they met a number of pickets, and a fight followed.

A call for help was answered by the forces within the mill and the firing commenced. Cost was said to have been killed instantly.

ORLANDO AGAIN PREMIER; WILL FORM NEW CABINET
Nicola Declines King's Invitation. War Premier Is Recalled

London, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Former Premier Orlando, of Italy, has accepted the invitation of King Victor Emmanuel to form a new Cabinet to succeed the Bonomi Ministry, which resigned last week, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome today.

Enrico de Nicola, president of the Chamber of Deputies, who on Monday was invited to form a new Ministry, declined the invitation yesterday. Ex-Prime Minister de Nicola, who had been given portfolios in the new Cabinet was given the invitation.

The shift, Mr. de Nicola said, was taken from his shirt while he slept, in the belief that employees of the Pullman Company were guarding his property. When he discovered the loss he searched his shirt and the spiral catch which had secured the linen closet.

The shirt, rumpled and soiled, was exhibited to the jury.

PHILA. TRAVELER WANTS DAMAGES FOR DIAMOND STUD LOST ON SLEEPER
Damages for the loss of a diamond stud stolen from a railway car berth were demanded in Judge Barrett's court today by E. E. Brown, a public utility engineer, of 1418 Walnut street.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC CREW TO LAND TONIGHT
Members of the crew of the burned Northern Pacific, according to reports from Cape May, will be landed tonight at Hampton Roads. They are aboard the steamships Transportation and Herbert G. Wylie. It is reported also that there are four men aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Kickapoo. If this report is true it indicates that four landsmen, employees of the Sun Shipbuilding Company of Chester, who had been reported missing, are safe.

PINCHOT WANTS BOY SCOUT FORESTERS REWARDED
HARRISBURG, Feb. 8.—Commissioner of Forestry Gifford Pinchot today called attention of officers of the Boy Scouts of Pennsylvania to the renewal of the 1921 plan of awarding meritorious service medals to scouts preventing, detecting, reporting, and fighting forest fires and similar work. The Commissioner asks that scoutmasters bring the offers to attention of the troops and commend the excellent work done last year.

CABLED WIFE HE WAS DEAD POLICE GET WHITE STICKS
Curate Must Now Serve Nine Months in Prison

Regina, Sask., Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—The Rev. Gwynn E. Williams, formerly a curate at Oxford, has been sentenced to nine months at hard labor for trying to deceive his wife into thinking him dead.

He admitted sending a false cablegram from England, suffering a dental certificate and also forging the name of another church official to a letter describing his death and funeral.

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MABEL NORMAND'S MISSING LETTERS HAVE BEEN FOUND

Notes to Slain Director Given Back by Another Film Man. Detectives Say

SHE QUARRELED WITH TAYLOR, CHAUFFEUR SAYS

By the Associated Press
Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—The letters written to William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, by Miss Mabel Normand, for which she searched his apartments vainly two days after his murder, have been returned to her, according to three detectives working on the case.

The return was made, it was declared, after a man connected with the film world, who had taken them for some unknown purpose during the confusion surrounding the finding of Taylor's body, had been threatened with a grand jury investigation. Who made this alleged threat was not stated. A representative of Miss Normand said the letters had not been given back to her.

Captain of Detectives David L. Adams stated the police never had been in possession of Miss Normand's letters nor of those written by Mary Miles Minter to Taylor, although the latter also, according to Captain Adams, have been returned to the writer.

Miss Minter Is Ill
Miss Minter has guards around her house to keep away unwanted callers, as she is ill, it is reported. Her attorney, however, denied she had received the letters.

A quarrel between Taylor and Mabel Normand was described by Harry Fellows, chauffeur for Taylor, according to the Los Angeles Examiner today.

"I was driving Mr. Taylor and Miss Normand from the Anderson Hotel where they had attended a New Year's Eve party, to her home," Fellows reported to have said. "On the way they had a quarrel. I don't know what it was about, but both were very much excited. Mr. Taylor took Miss Normand home and then returned to his apartment. Upon arriving there he broke down and wept. On the following morning he did up something in a package and took it to Miss Normand at her home."

Harry Peaver, Negro houseman for Taylor and who found the slain director's body, confirmed Fellows' statements.

Were Very Affectionate
Fellows said that Taylor and Miss Normand were very affectionate. Fellows left Taylor's house at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon on the night of which Taylor was slain. He was instructed to be sure to telephone at 7:30 o'clock, he said. He said that he telephoned from a girl's house at 7:35 o'clock and there being no answer from Taylor's home he went there. He reached the Taylor place at 8:15 o'clock and rang the bell and knocked at the door. There was no response, so he put up the car and went home.

"I am satisfied that I am the man Mrs. Douglas MacLean saw standing on the porch and leaving the house," Fellows said. "I wore a cap and overcoat."

Miss Normand had informed the police that she left Taylor between 7:30 and 7:45 o'clock and with Fellows telephoning at 7:35 o'clock without receiving a reply, it is indicated that the

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HOOCH PARTIES PROVE FATAL TO TWO MEN HERE
Three Friends of One Victim Are Held by the Police

"Synthetic whisky" caused the death of two men in this city last night, police say.

William P. Thimack, of Camden, was found dead in bed in a hotel at Eighth and Walnut streets and with Fellows telephoning at 7:35 o'clock without receiving a reply, it is indicated that the

The three men, Edward Martla, August MacCloud and Emil Razbek, were living in \$100 a month at Magistrate Stevenson as material witnesses.

SPRING-LIKE TOMORROW
Fair Skies Promise Warmth and Tonight's Cold'll Be Brief

Cheer up! Real spring-like temperatures will return tomorrow. When the weather man finished his examination of weather maps and charts and tallies this morning, he came forward with the announcement that tomorrow will be "fair and warmer."

Even the wind, which will keep up at brisk rate from the north tonight, will diminish tomorrow. Both today and tomorrow will continue clear.

Tonight, however, will be cold. The mercury will again sink to at least 25 degrees, the weather man says, and the winds will be just as sharp.

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